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REMARKS:**Status**

Claims 1 to 16 are pending. Claims 1 to 6 have been withdraw pursuant to a restriction requirement. Claims 7 and 12 are the independent ones of the remaining claims.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Restriction to one of the following groups was required: Group I including claims 1 to 6, and Group II including claims 7 to 16. Applicants elect Group II, with traverse. Accordingly, the claims in Group I, namely claims 1 to 6, have been withdrawn from consideration. Applicant's reason for traverse follows.

As combination and sub-combination, the claims in Groups I and II to at least some degree cover at least similar subject matter. Applicant respectfully submits that examination of claims 1 to 6 along with claims 7 to 16 would not be unduly burdensome. In this regard, Applicant notes that MPEP § 803 states the following: "If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions." Thus, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims in both groups.

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Closing

The entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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